

## Pedagogical Statement

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For me, philosophies, theories, and disciplines which engage with questions of living and being such as those we study at Ikon are not abstract and remote from life, they are central to it. These theories, concepts and ideas deal with being human, thus they are directly relevant to us. As a teacher, it is my purpose to draw out this relevance for students by creating a bridge between theories and concepts in these disciplines, and their everyday lived experience. I believe theory and philosophy are given breath and life through our personal engagement with them, which, dialectically, in turn enhances our own life also. The more we intently engage with ideas about life, the more enriched our life becomes. Thus I endeavour to create a class environment that is rich with the life awakened by the ideas we engage with together. While I set the tone for our class as the teacher, the classroom is a shared space with a resonance that we are all co-creating. The class I want to be a part of is uplifting, magnanimous, and inclusive of all.